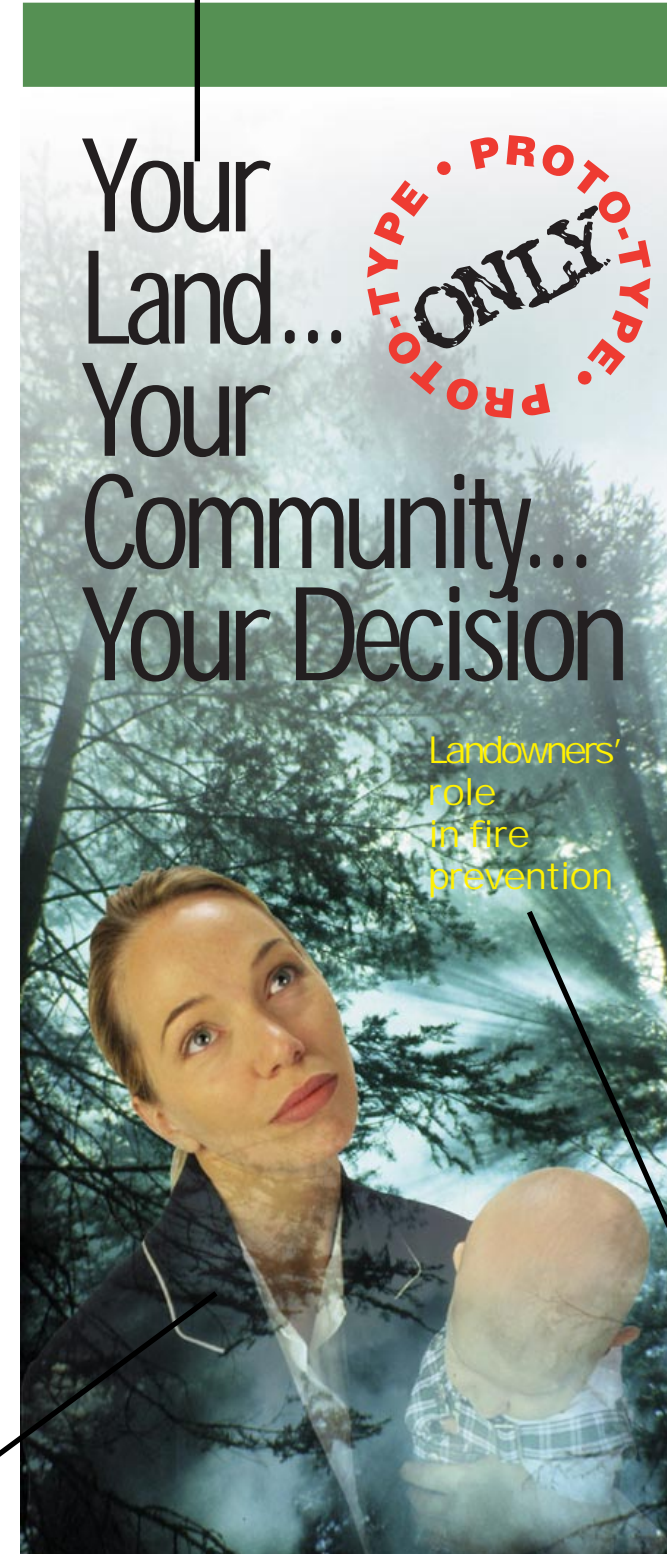


Your Land
Your Community
Your Decision

Learn more about becoming a community partner in fire prevention and fuels reduction. It's a local effort by local residents who want to preserve property, homes, families and our community lifestyle.

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The benefits and rewards of
wildfire protection for private
forest landowners in California



Those of us who bought forest lands and have adopted a forest lifestyle recognize the volatile and unpredictable consequences of forest life. We build homes, raise families and carve out business opportunities. We enjoy the beauty, privacy and challenges. And we endure the threat of wildfire, a devastating natural disaster that destroys beauty, diminishes property values and corrupts our lifestyle. Some landowners think government will protect them from the wildfire threat. Others turn their back to the threat saying "it won't happen to us." And still others simply can't afford the time or cost of preventive efforts. The truth can't be denied. We are the stewards of our lands and the responsibility of management, preservation, restoration and mitigation rests with us... the community working together. This brochure describes a new vision for stewardship and how we can minimize costly destruction and preserve our wonderful lifestyle through community-wide projects.

*"Your buildings
can be rebuilt,
but how long will
it take to replace
your trees?"*



You and your community can work together to minimize the threat of fire.

Discover simple steps towards fuels reduction.

The Threat

The threat of wildfires grows every year as long as your property keeps its unnatural level of dangerous wildfire fuels. Wildfires threaten homes, property, nature and lives. And the problem compounds itself with more and more development of homes and businesses. We may not be able to stop wildfires but we can protect our property by eliminating fuels and adding firesafe landscaping around homes and buildings. It's up to us.

The Solution

Wildfires don't respect property lines. Join with your neighbors . . . protect the whole area. It makes sense, reduces costs and multiplies the benefit. Your local fire department and state agencies are ready to help you. Community leaders and local businesses have pledged their support. Call the hotline number in this brochure and discover how you can help. Through workshops, seminars, literature, site demonstrations and community events, the process of fuels reduction can be shared by all landowners with support from the entire community.

The Benefits

Through fuels-reduction programs developed within your community — neighbors help neighbors discover the best way to adopt fire prevention programs. Often, fuels reduction and firesafe landscaping solves the problem. And it's easier when the community works together. Once in place, these improvements may actually increase the value of your home. You can also turn dangerous fuels into valuable mulch and compost which can be sold. Government agencies recognize that the future of forests rests primarily in the hands of the landowners who live there. If we can accomplish this important step in fire protection, we can avoid possible increases in insurance premiums or regulatory mandates.

Local organizations sponsor fuels reduction programs to clear private land of downed trees and brush that fuel wildfires. In some communities, landowners actually sold brush to be chipped and sold as fuel for wood-fired power plants.

Prevention starts with common sense landscaping practices. Known as fire escaping, this practice includes a 100-foot defensible space around property, thinning trees and other steps.

